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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

**FY 03 Title I, Part A Improvement Grant
School Year 2002-2003**

CFDA #84.010A

The purpose of the FY 03 Title I Part A Improvement Grant is to provide local educational agencies with supplemental resources to carry out their school improvement and corrective action responsibilities under section 1116(c) of Title I. Local educational agencies receiving these funds are also required, where possible, to provide students in schools identified for improvement with the option to transfer to another public school within the agency that has not be identified for school improvement under section 1116(c).

Application Deadline:

January 31, 2003

Return to:

**Title I
Division of Educational Opportunity and Equity
Montana Office of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501**

Application
FY 2003 Title I, Part A Improvement Grant
2002-2003 School Year

DUE: January 31, 2003

Prime Applicant District Name: _____ LE: _____

Eligible School(s) _____	Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted Assistance
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Print Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature and Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Only forms received from schools with a postmark on or before the date of **January 31, 2003** will be considered eligible for funding. The following timeline of dates is anticipated:

December 20, 2002	Notification to districts about availability of funding
January 31, 2003	Applications for funding due to OPI, Title I
February 21, 2003	Applications approved. Approval letters and cash advance request forms mailed. Funds to be distributed as per cash advance request form procedures.

Complete this application and return to:

Title I
Office of Public Instruction
Box 202501
Helena, MT 50620-2501
406-444-5660

Application for FY03 Title I, Part A Improvement Grant

Complete each question as thoroughly as possible. This application is available in Word electronically via e-mail or online in the Title I area on www.metnet.state.mt.us.

1. Statute requires that students in low-performing schools, *where possible*, be offered the opportunity to attend higher-quality schools. If there are no other schools that students can attend, please indicate that. If there are other schools in the district, please indicate how your district would be able to address this issue of school choice.
2. Allocations for funding were determined based on \$150 per poor student or a minimum allocation of \$10,000. You may use the funds indicated in any of the following areas: professional development in reading and/or math (teachers, paraprofessionals or administrators); updated curriculum materials in reading and/or math; assessment in reading and or math; extended time opportunities for students in reading and/or math (before, after or summer school); and parent literacy and/or training in reading and/or math.

Mark the areas for which the school/district intends to use the funds:

- ☐ Professional development in reading/math
- ☐ Curriculum materials in reading/math
- ☐ Assessment in reading/math
- ☐ Extended time for students in reading/math
- ☐ Parent literacy/training in reading/math

Describe how the school/district determined that the areas marked should be the focus for the use of these funds.

3. As a school/district identified as in need of improvement in Title I, you need to utilize the services of an outside consultant to assist you.

Please indicate below, who you have identified to work with you to provide technical assistance:

Name:_____

Institution:_____

4. Describe **specifically** how this new source of funding will be used to implement school improvement goals and objectives in the all the areas marked in question #2.

5. Describe **specifically** how the goals and objectives funded will be monitored?

6. Describe **specifically** the evidence that will be collected to determine the effectiveness of the activities carried out to meet school improvement goals and objectives in each area marked (surveys, student achievement data, participation rates, etc.).

7. How is student achievement expected to improve as a result of these activities?

8. Indicate below by **school** (if necessary), the amount of funds to be used for the areas identified in question #2.

Improvement Area	School	School
Professional Development		
Curriculum Materials		
Assessment		
Extended Learning		
Parent Literacy/Training		

Craft a budget narrative to provide detail for the areas indicated above. Complete the attached budget page of the total allocation for the prime applicant (Reminder: separate budget pages

must be prepared for the elementary and high funds unless the budgeting/fiscal unit is a K-12 district.